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## AAUT Director's Update

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you're enjoying the beautiful autumn weather and had a relaxing Easter break!

The University of Western Australia hosted a wonderful event celebrating the achievements of the 2024 AAUT recipients in their region—see some of the highlights in the photos below.

We're also excited to announce that the full lineup of presenters for the AAUT and UniSA Breakfast Series is now confirmed. The series launched with great success—our first session attracted over 400 registrations! If you missed Professor Tracey Bunda's informative presentation on *Indigenising the Curriculum* (The University of Queensland), the recording is available below.

Coming up in May, A/Professor Josephine Paparo from Macquarie University will present *From small things, big things grow*. Be sure to mark your calendars and help spread the word across your institution. More details can be found below.

In our **AAUT Recipient Spotlight** this month, we're featuring Teaching Award recipient Professor Claudia Szabo. You can explore her inspiring profile and video through the links below.

Finally, thank you for your continued patience as we finalise arrangements with Universities Australia for the 2025 AAUT round. Stay tuned—more updates are on the way!



Regards,  
Professor Angela Carbone  
AAUT Director



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## AAUT Nomination Resources

The [2025 AAUT Nomination Writing Tips](#) compiles a list of suggestions from assessors and award committees (2023–2024) for writing a successful nomination.

### 2025 AAUT NOMINATION WRITING TIPS

Suggestions from assessors and award committees from 2023-24 on writing a successful nomination:

**PREPARING YOUR NOMINATION**  
 Start early and plan for impact  
 Reflect and evaluate continuously  
 Use the resources, seek mentoring and share practice  
 Understand the award type and tailor your nomination  
 Seek feedback and be patient

**WRITING YOUR NOMINATION**  
 Tell a coherent and compelling story  
 Write clearly and to the criteria  
 Be specific and contextualise your achievements  
 Refine your application  
 Work with referees  
 Link to scholarship and frame impact

**PROVIDING EVIDENCE OF YOUR CLAIMS**  
 Understand what counts as evidence  
 Use a range of evidence  
 Demonstrate breadth of impact  
 Show evidence of continuous improvement

## AAUTN Mentor Scheme

The [AAUTN Award Mentor Scheme](#) connects the experience and knowledge of past AAUT Teaching Award winners. With 59 mentors from 20 institutions already involved, we're excited to welcome the 2024 recipients who are joining the mentors community. View the full list [here](#).



## 2024 AAUT State-Based Ceremonies

We are excited to announce that the following institutions will be hosting the 2024 AAUT State-based Ceremonies to celebrate the achievements of recipients from their regions. Please note, these events are invitation-only.

Here are some photos taken from the WA Ceremony.



### 2024 AAUT STATE AWARD CEREMONIES

<b>11 March 2025</b> WA Ceremony 	<b>7 May 2025</b> SA/NT Ceremony SAINPEN & 	<b>29 May 2025</b> QLD Ceremony 	<b>31 May 2025</b> VIC/TAS Ceremony 	<b>5 June 2025</b> NSW/ACT Ceremony 
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## AAUT & UniSA Breakfast Series

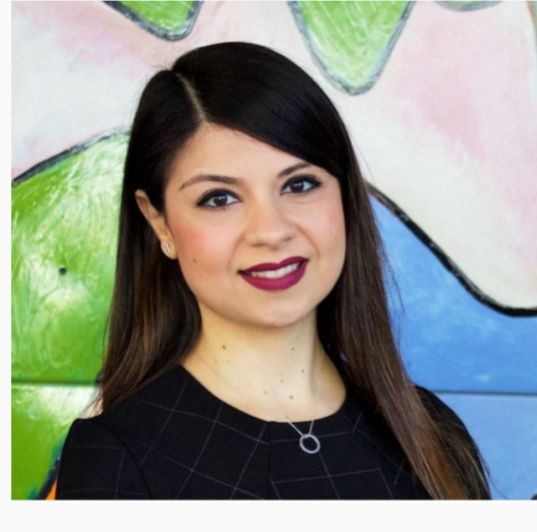
From April through November, the AAUT and UniSA Breakfast series will be held on the **second Thursday of each month, from 8am to 9am (ACST)**. Now in its second year, this collaboration with the Teaching Innovation Unit at UniSA aims to highlight the achievements of AAUT recipients and promote innovative teaching practices and programs within the academic community.

The first session, delivered by our 2024 Career Achievement Award recipient, Professor Tracey Bunda, explored the topic "Indigenising the Curriculum." The session was both insightful and engaging. You can watch the recording [HERE](#).

### FEATURED MAY PRESENTER

In May, our 2024 Citation recipient, Associate Professor Josephine Paparo, will be presenting on "*From Small Things, Big Things Grow*": *Simulation-Based Education within Postgraduate Psychology as a Case Example of How One Idea Can Lead to a Bourgeoning Program of Educational Leadership*. Register [HERE](#).

The registration link will also be sent to all ICOs and made available on the AAUTN website.



A/Professor Josephine Paparo, Macquarie University

### SAVE THE DATES!

### Teaching and Learning Breakfast Series

<b>10 APR</b>	<b>PROF TRACEY BUNDA (UQ)</b> CAREER ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENT
<b>8 MAY</b>	<b>A/PROF JOSEPHINE PAPARO (MQ)</b> CITATION RECIPIENT
<b>12 JUN</b>	<b>A/PROF CLAUDIA SZABO (UNI OF ADELAIDE)</b> TEACHING AWARD RECIPIENT
<b>14 AUG</b>	<b>THE COMMENCING STUDENT SUCCESS PROJECT (UNE)</b> CITATION RECIPIENT
<b>11 SEPT</b>	<b>DR SUSAN CARTER (USQ)</b> CITATION RECIPIENT
<b>9 OCT</b>	<b>STEM WIL PROGRAM (FLINDERS UNI)</b> PROGRAM AWARD RECIPIENT
<b>13 NOV</b>	<b>MR PAUL VAN OPDENBOSCH (QUT)</b> CITATION RECIPIENT



### Get to know Teaching Awards Recipient: Associate Professor Claudia Szabo

Associate Professor Szabo has led the development of innovative, industry-based computer science curricula that have significantly improved student satisfaction, retention, and employment outcomes. Over 13 years, her inclusive and engaging teaching practices have been recognised nationally and internationally, including by The University of Adelaide, accreditation bodies, and government STEM awards.

Read [A/Professor Claudia Szabo's Profile](#)  
 Watch [A/Professor Claudia Szabo's video](#)



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- [Latest News](#)
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